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MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD HOSTS YOUTH SUMMIT ON JANUARY 26

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Mayor's Youth Advisory Board (MYAB) is hosting their annual Youth Summit, titled "Moving Mountains," on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Beaverton City Library (12375 5th Street). All high-school-aged students are encouraged to attend. A free pizza lunch will be provided and attendees will have a chance to win raffle prizes.

"This is an innovative way for our youth to become aware of community issues," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "It's a great way to gain new perspectives on your city."

This free event educates high school students about current community issues and includes three panel discussions: the media, environment and politics/world affairs. In addition, a Crisis Simulation of the recent Hurricane Sandy disaster will be featured. The keynote speaker for the Youth Summit is Senator Steiner Hayward.

Registration is required for the Youth Summit. To attend, please register online at www.BeavertonOregon.gov/MYAB.

MYAB was established in 2000 to provide a voice for youth in our community. This ad-hoc committee consists of 30 members from Beaverton area high schools. MYAB members are students at Aloha, Arts and Communication, Beaverton, Catlin Gabel, Jesuit, School of Science and Technology, Southridge, Sunset, and Westview high schools. Students are selected by the Mayor to serve on the advisory board for a two-year term through an open application process.

MYAB reports to the Mayor and City Council on issues of concern to youth. MYAB's mission is to serve the common good of the community and provide a voice for youth in decisions and policies of the city. MYAB focuses on community service projects, promoting youth activism, and youth involvement.

For more information about MYAB or this event, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/MYAB or contact Elaine Orcutt, staff liaison, at 503-526-2299.

Beaverton enjoys one of the most diverse populations among Oregon cities. Most recently, the city was awarded the **2012 Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of

Mayors. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a **"Smarter City" energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council** and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton has been named **one of the safest cities in the Pacific Northwest** for three consecutive years, as one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist**, as **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com*, **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. For more information, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofbeaverton.

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